

**Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC) Meeting**  
 Thursday, April 20, 2023, 3:00pm  
 Shasta County Juvenile Probation Conference Room  
 1810 Market Street, Redding CA

MEMBERS	Present	Absent
Troy Foster – Chairperson	X	
Steve Morgan	X	
Barbara Jean Van Dyke	X	
Susan Mary Duncan	X	
Cindy Vogt	X	
Betty Cunningham	X	
Robert Stephen MacFarland		X
Jennifer Coulter	X	
Jackson Crupi	X	

Other Attendees:

Tracie Neal, Daren Fisher, Jeremy Kenyon, Carla Stevens, Jason Coulombe, Katie Russell,  
 Twyla Carpenter, Melanie Jarrett – **Shasta County Probation**  
 Judge Molly Bigelow – **Shasta County Superior Court**  
 Jackie Durant – **Hope City**

**Call to Order**

Troy Foster called the meeting to order at 3:05pm. A quorum was present.

**Welcome & Introductions**

**Commission members will review and approve minutes from the January 19, 2023 meeting.**  
 Betty Cunningham moved to approve the minutes. Steve Morgan seconded the motion. Motion passed: 7 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Abstention.

**Introduction of New Juvenile Probation Officer(s).**

Tracie Neal welcomed and introduced a new Deputy Probation Officer with Shasta County Probation who is assigned to the juvenile placement caseload. The new staff member told the group a little bit about herself and her background in working in Adult and Juvenile Probation as a Clerk and a Probation Assistant.

## **Probation Reports**

### **Juvenile Probation Division**

Division Director Jeremy Kenyon reported the Juvenile Probation Division is anticipating the return of three youth from DJJ with the closure in June 2023. Juvenile Probation will be hosting an open house this month so Probation and HHS Children's Branch can share information about and discuss the services each provides to better support the youth in the community. This event will help to further develop the relationship with HHS Children's Branch. A Parent Project cohort of six just graduated in March and new classes start on May 17, 2023. There has been some movement, especially in the Juvenile Prevention Officer Division. Two Deputy Probation Officers (DPO) have now filled those Juvenile Prevention Officer vacancies. With the promotion of a DPO, there is a vacant Probation Assistant position. The prior placement DPO has been moved to the sex crimes caseload and is now participating in Red Team to screen child abuse allegation reports daily with HHS Children's Branch.

Tracie Neal added Probation is getting ready to go back to the board with a contract to increase rehabilitative treatment with Victor Community Services. Right now, Victor is providing a robust number of services in the JRF, and these services will be expanded to Juvenile Probation to continue treatment and support for these youth.

### **Juvenile Rehabilitation Facility (JRF)**

Carla Stevens shared JRF population data. Fourteen residents are in REA. Ten of those youth are in the facility and four have been furloughed home successfully. There will be another REA graduation on May 19, 2023. Carla also shared details about Camp Hope, which was held in the JRF last week for the residents. There were six facilitators from Pathways to Hope who did hope facilitating and JRF staff ran several camp activities in the afternoons. Camp Hope ended with a campfire, dance, and singing. Carla was impressed with the songs the youth wrote and had some of these printed. The youth also presented their life stories the last day. Carla shared Probation had one DJJ youth return for the STTP program, and this youth has been stepped down to the community. She also shared Probation is expecting three more youth to return, so they are getting the STTP environment ready for these youth. The JRF will have a third GEO Reentry Services Behavioral Case Manager who will be working with some of the STTP youth as well as some of the long-term youth. Carla is excited for the increase in rehabilitative services. Victor Community Support Services also does a lot of ICBT and ART with the shorter-term youth who can also work with Victor while out in the community. Carla said all staff in the JRF are trained in the Change Companies journaling program. The youth enjoy this program as well as engaging in journaling with the JRF staff due to the connections the youth have formed with staff. Next month, five staff will be attending a high-level de-escalation training (The Mandt System) and these five staff will in turn train the remaining JRF staff so the techniques are the same across the department. Tracie explained that The Mandt System is nationally recognized as one the top prevention and de-escalation training programs with Shasta County using State grant dollars to cover the cost. The JRF is fully staffed.

Tracie announced Probation has ordered all new radios for the JRF staff, which will be smaller and lighter in weight. Probation is doing an update to the security software and 14 new cameras will be installed. A Peer Support Specialist will be added to work with the STTP youth and long-term commitments. Probation is working with SCOE to bring in an Education Coordinator because the population returning from DJJ will be the 18 to 25 year old youth who have graduated from high school and need more vocational training, support for online college education, tutoring and help with life skill building.

Tracie also shared Probation is having their annual employee Appreciation Luncheon and awards ceremony on May 5, 2023. The commission members are invited to attend. Probation is slowly working toward the demolition of the old Juvenile building. Public Works has brought on a retired engineer to lead this project. Tracie further shared Probation is getting ready to take a resolution to the Board of Supervisors to allow Probation to operate a farm stand in front of the JRF. This would allow Probation to take donations from the public for eggs from chickens allowed to roam and farm raised vegetables. These funds will cycle back into the GROW program. This has been a long-term as well as a challenging goal due to the receiving of donations.

Tracie announced the JAG grant was received, which funds a number of rehabilitative and prevention services in the community. This is a three-year grant that provides \$220,000 a year to local community based organizations. The other grant received was the Mobile Probation grant. This grant is just under \$300,000 for the purchase of a mobile van allowing Adult and Juvenile Probation to be more mobile in the community regarding outreach activities and to reach some of population in the outlying areas of Shasta County. The budget is also looking good, and Probation will be able to continue the great work being done in the community.

### **Judge's Comments**

Judge Molly Bigelow shared she attended the Primary Assignment training with fellow bench officers to learn the requirements of juvenile justice. Judge Bigelow further noted she has a large calendar with an increase in Court filings during March when she was off the bench for training and illness. This was an opportunity for the Court administrative staff to hear feedback from other judges during her absence. Judge Bigelow shared information on the transfer of Non-Minor Dependents from WIC 600 to WIC 300 and the effectiveness of having Non-Minor Dependents who have children who are WIC 300 together in Dependency Court.

Tracie shared there has been an uptick in cases, arrests, and serious crimes. Tracie said she is hearing from some of the schools in Shasta County that they are needing extra support with behavior and wanting Juvenile Prevention Officers. There is also a higher number of youths in the JRF and more serious bookings.

Judge Bigelow said she will contact Carla on May 15, 2023, to schedule the Judge's inspection.

### **Discussion Items**

Jennifer Coulter shared they made an appointment for a youth in the JRF to have some gang tattoos removed. Tracie announced the CCP funding for the tattoo removal program through Shasta Community Health. Priority will go to those who are on supervision. There will be a sliding payment scale for those who are no longer on supervision.

### **Action Items**

No action items

### **Commission Member Comments**

Betty Cunningham announced there is a Friday Night Live program open house tonight between 5:00pm and 7:00pm at 2280 Benton Dr., Redding.

Jackson Crupi came in after school to give a brief report. Jackson shared the students are back on campus after spring break and there hasn't been much activity. Jackson shared the impact of the promotion of the Prevention Officer at CVHS and his positive interactions with the two officers who have been at the school recently. Jackson spoke about the importance of being there for his friends and how important friendship is for the youth in the JRF. Jackson also shared the need for balance in helping others with problems as to not burn himself out. Jackson noted he will be taking his driver's test for his provisional driver's license and that the school Prom is May 13th. Jackson shared he has recently joined the Track and Field team at CVHS, rejoined the Sheriff's explorers, and he got his first job this summer at Waterworks Park.

There was some discussion with the group on what has been tough and affecting those within Jackson's friend group. Tracie shared SCOE has been hosting the student panels that are moderated by the students. Tracie and Jeremy attended the last panel and Tracie shared the importance of hearing what the young people have to say and what they are struggling with. Jennifer Coulter spoke about the number one reason youth vape, which is stress and that wasn't even on the list five years ago. Jackson believes the dynamic has changed in the school systems. He feels social media has really influenced decisions. Tracie also shared information on bullying, being fearful, "snitching" or being labeled as a snitch in schools and the intimidation and harassment through social media.

### **Other Business**

The next JJC meeting is scheduled for July 20, 2023, at 3:00pm in the conference room at Juvenile Probation, 1810 Market Street, Redding.

### **Adjourn**

Seeing no further business or comments, Troy Foster asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jennifer Coulter made a motion to adjourn at 4:14pm. Cindy Vogt seconded the motion. Motion passed: 8 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Abstention.